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1. AT THE EAST GERMAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION IN PEKING
OCTOBER 11, PRC VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YU CHAN TOLD GDR
AMBASSADOR LIEBERMANN THAT CHINA WAS INTERESTED IN IMPROVING
RELATIONS WITH HIS COUNTRY, ACCORDING TO OUTGOING AUSTRALIAN
AMBASSADOR TO CHINA STEVE FITZGERALD. SPEAKING TO CONGEN
OFFICERS AT A NOVEMBER 10 LUNCHEON, FITZGERALD STATED YU EVEN
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PROPOSED THAT LIEBERMANN DRAW UP A SERIES OF SUGGESTIONS

ALONG THESE LINES. FITZGERALD ADDED THAT WHILE CHINA SEEMS INTERESTED IN IMPROVING STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS WITH THE EAST EUROPEANS, THIS APPARENTLY DOES NOT APPLY TO THE SOVIET UNION. FITZGERALD CLAIMED THAT IN HIS LATE OCTOBER FAREWELL CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA, CHIAO WAS EXPLICIT AND EMPHATIC IN HIS CONTENTION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO IMPROVEMENT IN STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION.

2. WE NOTE THAT NEUES DEUTSCHLAND OCTOBER 7 PRINTED A GDR NATIONAL DAY GREETING FROM CHINESE PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG IN WHICH HUA EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT "THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF CHINA AND THE GDR AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BOTH STATES DEVELOPED BY ONE FURTHER STEP" (BERLIN 6872). ALTHOUGH CHINESE MEDIA, AS IN RECENT YEARS, DID NOT PUBLICIZE THE EAST GERMAN NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE, THE HUA GREETING SEEMS CONSONANT WITH YU CHAN'S REMARKS TO GDR AMBASSADOR LIEBERMANN.
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